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# ANTENNA CONTACT ASSEMBLY FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE

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**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 (b)**

**The references are:**

1. DE 100 19 540 A1  
2. DE 22 26 688 A  
3. DE 199 83 759 T1  
4. DE 38 18 744 A1

"The electrical connection according to claim 1 is not patentable for failure of an inventive step. The reference 1, FIGS. 3 and 4, shows a

electrical connection between a signal processing unit (sensor module 8) and a conductor structure 3 on or in a part of a vehicle (window pane 2) of a vehicle, whereby a carrier 1

of the signals processing unit is mountable in or on a housing which contact a circuit board in the housing 8 (col. 2, lines 31 to 33: circuit board) with a contact means 10 with the conductor structure 3..."

Reference 2 is cited with respect to dependent claim 3 as having in FIGS. 2 and 6 a contact means 1 with two elastic shanks 2, 5 which are fixed on a carrier ...

Reference 3, FIG. 4: elements 16d, 12d, 12a, 14h, and 18 and

Reference 4, FIG. 2: elements 16, 16', 24, 24, 13 are cited with respect to dependent claims 4 and 6 and Reference 4 is cited with respect to dependent claim 8, FIG. 2: Elements 26, 26'.

There is also enclosed a search report in the corresponding European Patent application EP 04003726.9-220 and the references cited therein are likewise made of record and provided.

DE 196 05 999 A is cited in Category D: a document identified in the application and in Category X of special significance taken alone, for column 3, line 25 to line 66; column 4, lines 18 - 68 and FIGS. 1, 2, 4 with respect to examined claims 1 - 3, 5, 7.

EP 1 367 699 is cited in Category P: intervening literature and in Category X for paragraphs 40 to 42, 63 to 67 and FIGS. 2, 5 and 6 with respect to examined claims 1 to 4 and 6 to 8.

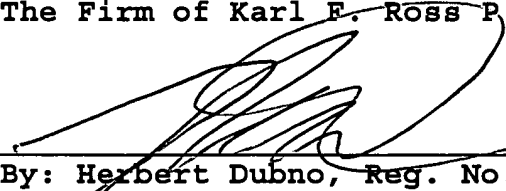
United States Patent 4,707,591 is cited in Category A: technological background, for col. 3, lines 42 to 61 and FIG. 2 with reference to claims 1 to 8.

DE 196 27 052 is cited in category A for column 3, lines 32 to 67 and FIG. 1 with reference to claims 1 to 8.

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Consideration of the references is requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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